

Committee Meetings

NUCLEAR WEAPONS MODERNIZATION IN RUSSIAN AND CHINA

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing entitled “Nuclear Weapons Modernization in Russia and China: Understanding Impacts to the United States.” 11:30 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

SOLYNDRA LOAN GUARANTEE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Continuing Developments Regarding the Solyndra Loan Guarantee.” Testimony was heard from the following officials from the Department of Treasury: Gary Grippio, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fiscal Operations and Policy, Gary H. Burner, Chief Financial Officer, Federal Financing Bank.

DODD-FRANK DERIVATIVES LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled “Legislative Proposals to Bring Certainty to the Over-the-Counter Derivatives Market.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NEXT STEPS IN IRAN AND SYRIA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Held a hearing on Iran and Syria: Next Steps?—Part II. Testimony was heard from the following officials from the Department of State: Wendy R. Sherman, Under Secretary for Political Affairs, and David S. Cohen, Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence.

NARCOTICS, TERRORISM AND SOUTHERN U.S. BORDER

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Management, held a hearing entitled “A Call to Action: Narco-Terrorism’s Threat to the Southern U.S. Border.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NATIONAL RIGHT-TO-CARRY RECIPROCITY ACT OF 2011

Committee on the Judiciary: Continued markup of H.R. 822 “National Right-to-Carry Reciprocity Act of 2011”.

COMPENSATION TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR LOST REVENUE FROM NON-TAXABLE FEDERAL LANDS

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, held a hearing entitled “Payments in Lieu of Taxes.” Testimony

was heard from Pamela K. Haze, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Budget, Finance, Performance and Acquisition, Department of Interior; Lynne Corn, Specialist in Natural Resources Policy, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress, and a public witness.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of October 17 through October 22, 2011

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 4 p.m., Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 2112, Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

On *Monday*, at 5:15 p.m., Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of Cathy Bissoon, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, with a vote on confirmation of the nomination at approximately 5:30 p.m.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Armed Services: October 19, Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine the final report of the Commission on War-time Contracting in Iraq and Afghanistan, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: October 19, Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment, to hold hearings to examine market microstructure, focusing on an examination of Exchange-Traded Funds (ETFs), 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

October 20, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine housing finance reform, focusing on continuation of the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage, 10 a.m., SD-538.

October 20, Subcommittee on Security and International Trade and Finance, to hold hearings to examine the Group of Twenty (G20) and global economic and financial risks, 2 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: October 18, Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety, and Security, to hold hearings to examine pipeline safety since San Bruno and other recent incidents, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

October 19, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine concussions and the marketing of sports equipment, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: October 18, to hold hearings to examine the status of response capability and readiness for oil spills in foreign Outer Continental Shelf waters adjacent to United States waters, 10 a.m., SD-366.